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Mackenzie Buzz



At Mackenzie School our goals as set by the SPC and staff are to improve the expressive language development of students through oral and written skills, to improve reading comprehension and to increase knowledge, acceptance, empathy, awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal histories, traditions, cultures and contributions among all students.

Newsletter #5

Date: January 19, 2017

Dear Mackenzie Parents:

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful and joyous break spent with family and friends. As you may know I was on a leave for the first term but am very happy to be back now. I very much missed the students and the entire Mackenzie community.

Our programs are in full swing. One highlight is that the whole school will be participating in dance workshops during P.E. classes the week of January 23rd culminating in a performance at 2 pm on Friday, January 27th. We would also like to thank PAC for funding the Aquavan program which all our students participated in on January 13th. Make sure to check out page 2 for student writing and artwork about the visit!

We look forward to an exciting and educational Spring term.

Bob Bodden
Principal

Do you have a child born in 2012?
K Registration started November 1st, 2016

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opened on **Tuesday, November 1st and closes at 4 pm on Wednesday, February 1st**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated prior to late applicants.

In a few Vancouver schools there may be more in-catchment applicants than the school can accommodate. In this event, applicants who applied within the priority registration period (Nov 1 to Feb 1) will be included in a draw for available spaces. Students with siblings already in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed prior to the draw.

When registering your child please bring:

WHO TO CONTACT

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1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immunization records

For more information on Kindergarten registration please visit:

<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

Volunteerism: ONE TO ONE is a unique children's literacy program that provides one-to-one tutoring to children in elementary schools during regular school hours. Trained volunteer tutors work with students who are identified by their teachers as needing a boost in their literacy skills. Typically, each student spends approximately 30 minutes two to four times a week with a volunteer tutor. ONE TO ONE provides these children with an opportunity to practice their reading in an environment where it is okay to take risks, make mistakes, and learn at their own pace.

The Mackenzie students and staff would like to thank our dedicated volunteers who volunteer weekly at Mackenzie School. Their time and commitment helps our students to further develop their literacy skills. We are very fortunate to have 4 long time volunteers at our school. A big thank you to Sally Fergusson, Edie Kernighan, Sherry Loof and May Seto.

We would also like to congratulate Sally Fergusson, who is the longest serving volunteer in the 1:1 program. Sally was recently



recognized for her outstanding commitment and contribution to the community as she has been volunteering once a week at Mackenzie School since 1998. In recognition of Sally's exceptional volunteer achievement, she was recently presented with The Sovereign Medal for Volunteers in a special ceremony held in Edmonton, by the Right Honorable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada. We congratulate Sally on this well-deserved honor and we are so pleased that she has been a part of the Mackenzie community for over 19 years!

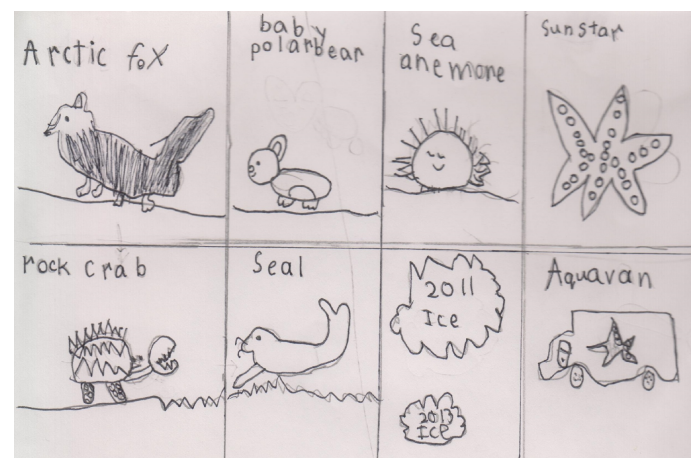
We are also grateful to Mrs. Paynter who has been our school's program coordinator for many years.

FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT:

Each year the Ministry of Education mandates that all Grade 4 and 7 students take part in FSA testing which focuses on math and language skills. Parents have the option of excusing their children from this. The testing period will run until February 17th.

The Aquavan by Mia and Liam

The Aquavan was amazing. We started by learning that the Arctic Fox changes its fur. In warm seasons its fur turns brown to blend in with the dirt. In the cold seasons its fur turns white to blend in with the snow. Next we learned about the rock crab. The rock crab likes to blend in with rocks. If you see it, it looks just like the other rocks. I found out that the rock crab sheds its skin and gets a new slimy shell. I also learned about a bunch of other things. I love the Aquavan.



Congratulations to the 153 Mackenzie students who reached the goal of 100 Nights of Home Reading!
Well done readers!

Ayesha Al-Mridha
 Mahmood Al-Mridha
 Keesha Anderson
 Maya Arumainathan
 Eshean Arumainathan
 Kyle Asto
 Rebecca Bacani
 Sam Bahia
 Harsimar Bains
 Zoey Ballesteros
 Jamie Grace Bantegan
 Elle Barrett
 Stefan Beecroft
 Cenjie Belarmino
 Devan Bhavsar
 Allix Luise Biacora
 Aryana Borcena
 James Bowron
 Diego Boyes Galeana
 Liam Brewster
 Rafael Cadaoas
 Christian Cardona
 Gyanna Arizha Carpio
 Audrik Carpio
 Keisha Catua
 Tyler Chang
 Tora Chare
 Memphis Chau
 Ivan Chen Siem
 Xavier Chetty
 Brandon Cheung
 Nathan Cheung
 Aurora Chobotiuk
 Cayce Chobotiuk
 Shahreen Chowdhury
 Lovely Dahan
 Shoei Davis
 Rayden de Lima
 Dylan De Ridder Marzetti
 Joshua DeSousa
 Mya DeSousa
 Simrat Dhothar
 Nixon Dong
 Elizabeth Dowler
 Alice Dowler
 Kade Fernandez
 Alysa Ferrer
 Aaliyah Ferrer
 Madelyn Fleck
 Ian Fontejon
 Asia Fraser

Mia Fraser
 Stellan Fraser
 Kie Fujiwara
 Mikoto Fujiwara
 Roko Gabrilo
 Jodee Gano
 Anica Garcia
 Maxz Garcia
 Linard Gascon
 Janelle Gengania
 Lisa Giang-Khiu
 Namrata Girdhar
 Dimitrios Grammatikogiannis
 Jade Guatlo
 Brax Hagel-Noel
 Logan Hagel-Noel
 David Hernandez
 Franklin Herrera Gomez
 Mahum Hingora
 George Ho
 Joseph Hoang
 Nicole Hughes
 Patrick Hughes
 Owen Seth Hulipas
 Reilly Hunter
 Natalie Ip
 Arshdeep Jaswal
 Janice Jiang
 Raiyan Karim
 Esa Khan
 Avraaz Khera
 Agumpreet Khera
 Cameron Kovacich
 Alexa Kovacich
 Krishneil Kumar
 Tomo Kumar
 Kathryn Lam
 Quinn Larson
 Austin Le Trung
 Sebastian Lee
 Bosco Li
 Lucas Lu
 Alice Luu
 F G Manio
 Mirabelle Mann
 Shayne Mariano
 Helena Martin
 Cory Medina Acosta
 Arjun Moore
 Christina Morales
 Taha Muhammad

Andrew Munzel
 Amelia Munzel
 Rimam Musleh
 Dominic Nguyen
 Jayden Nguyen
 Ryan Nguyen
 Leon Nguyen
 Justin Nora
 Jom Nora
 Jillian Ordinado
 Hazel Paing
 Amitesh Pant
 Progga Paromita
 Shaheema Patel
 Khai Phan
 Ivan Pilapil
 Nghia Rmah
 Nevaeh Sangara
 Lakiesha Satheesan
 Livia Sharma
 Yuval Sharma
 Nithila Shyam Sundar
 Annika Sibayan
 Paige Smythe
 Tyler Smythe
 Clarisse Solis
 Adonis Spikes
 Jemuel Sto Domingo
 Vicky Tao
 Bryce Teliao
 Lucas Teodosio
 Joyce Tian
 Romana Toro
 Nelson Toro
 Calvin Tran
 Dayton Tran
 Kahlen Tsze
 Phina Tu
 Mehreen Uddin
 Sumayea Uddin
 Samiha Uddin
 Benjamin Valdez
 Elliot Wang
 Eric Welsh
 Chiara Wornell
 Cayden Wornell
 John Rafael Yabut
 Dylan Yalung
 Clairisa Yang
 Genisha Yang
 Laiba Zobair

Upcoming Events



| DATE | | | Participants | EVENT |
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| Monday, January 23 rd to Friday, January 27 th | | | Whole school | Week of Dance |
| Monday, | 23 rd | January | Primary classes | Assembly at 9:15 in the lunchroom |
| Friday, | 27 th | January | Parents and staff All students Parents | Staff Appreciation lunch - thank you in advance! Fundraising Lunch (menu is Kids' Favourite) Dance performance in the gym at 2pm |
| Monday, | 30 th | January | Everyone | Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL |
| Tuesday, | 31 st | January | Everyone | Pajama Day |
| Friday, | 3 rd | February | All students | Fundraising Lunch (menu is Domino's Pizza) |
| Monday, | 6 th | February | Primary classes Division 12 | Assembly at 9:15 in the lunchroom Junior Achievement 9:30 to recess |
| Wednesday, | 8 th | February | All classes | BC Lions Energy Champions presentation 11:15 |
| Thursday, | 9 th | February | Grade 7 students | Visit to John Oliver from 1:00-2:00pm |
| Friday, | 10 th | February | Whole school Division 12 All students | Dufflebag Theatre performance 11:00am Junior Achievement 9:30 to recess Fundraising Lunch (menu is Subway) |
| Monday, | 13 th | February | Everyone! | Family Day (stat holiday) NO SCHOOL |
| Wednesday, | 15 th | February | Divisions 1-5, 11 & 12 | Richmond Children's Arts Festival 8:45-3:15 |
| Thursday, | 16 th | February | Kindergarteners Division 12 | Vision Screening 9:15 to noon Junior Achievement 9:30 to recess |
| Friday, | 17 th | February | Division 12 All students | Junior Achievement 9:30 to recess Fundraising Lunch (menu is International) |

FRIDAY LUNCH FUNDRAISER! EVERY FRIDAY

It is not too late to order for future lunches. Order weekly, monthly or until the end of the year! It is not too late to order for next week! Orders are due by Sunday of each week. Create your account at:

munchalunch.com/mackenzie

Lunch menus include Pizza, Subway, International Day and Kids' Favorites.

The PAC thanks you for your support!
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